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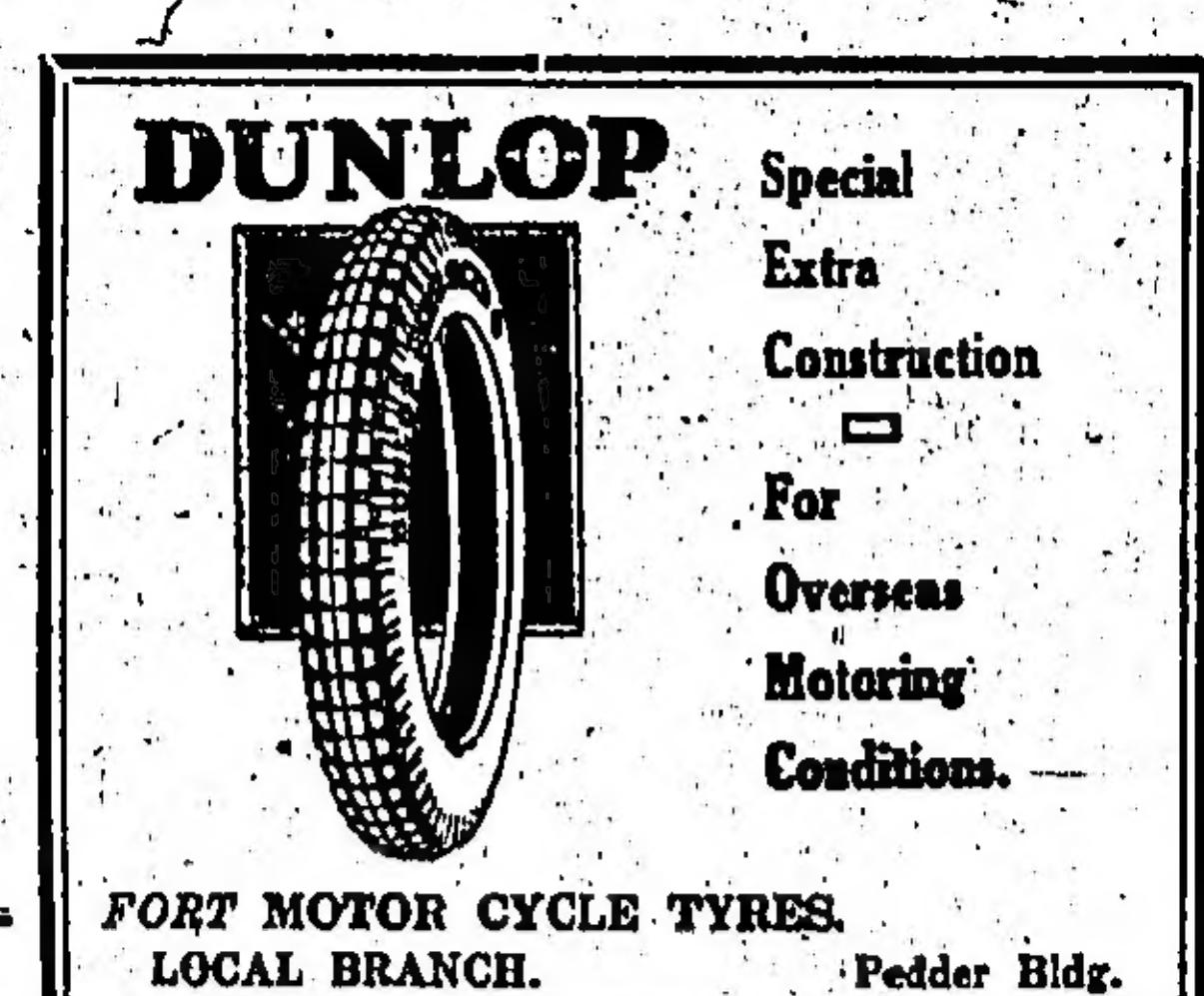
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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.—The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 11½d.

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FINANCIAL CRISIS IN AMERICA

"UNPARALLELED PERIOD OF HYSTERIA"

BANKS PUT UP SHUTTERS

STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT TO RESCUE

Four Toledo banks, with over \$100,000,000 in assets, did not open yesterday; and eleven Savings Associations ceased to pay out withdrawals.

The reason for this action is said to be to protect depositors and avert panic.

Six banks in Lincoln, Nebraska, and a Virginian Bank and Trust Company have also put up their shutters.

Details of United States revenue collections for the fiscal year 1931 reveals large decreases. So also do the foreign trade figures for the second quarter of 1931.

Gold imports, however, exceeded exports by £32,000,000.

DECLINE IN FOREIGN TRADE

New York, Yesterday. The closing down of more banks is reported. Six small banks, with total deposits of \$1,180,000 have closed down in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Howell Bank and Trust Company of Richmond, Virginia, with a capital of \$250,000 has also put up its shutters.

Protecting Depositors.

Toledo, Ohio, Yesterday. A wish to protect depositors during the "unparalleled period of hysteria" is the reason given for a decision by four banks here not to open to-day, thus tying up over \$100,000,000 in assets.

The State Banking Department is taking over these institutions.

Eleven Savings Associations are also ceasing to pay out withdrawals.

Foreign Trade Decreases.

Washington, Yesterday. The value and volume of United States' foreign trade in the second quarters of 1931 is the lowest for many years.

Exports totalled \$121,000,000,

NO AGREEMENT.

Germany's Foreign Credits.

BANKERS' TALKS.

Basle, Yesterday.

The International Bankers' conversations have not yet resulted in agreement. The chief obstacle now is the question of means to be adopted to make liquid the foreign credits at present in Germany without affecting German currency.

Changes to Re-Open.

Berlin, Yesterday. At a conference of the Prussian Ministry of Commerce and the Bourse Committees it was decided without question to re-open the stock exchanges in August. The date of re-opening is to be discussed at a later conference.

OPIUM SMUGGLERS.

Drug Concealed in a Balloon.

HEAVY FINES.

A fine of \$200 or, in default, eight weeks' jail with hard labour, was imposed by Mr. Schodfeld, this morning, on a Chinese man, who pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of a quantity of opium.

Revenue-Ward said the defendant was arrested in Con-

UNUSUAL INCIDENT AT ASSIZES.

Prejudicial Effect on Prisoner?

JURY DISCHARGED.

There was an unusual incident in the Chief Justice's Court, at the opening hearing of the August Assizes, this morning, when, after a jury had been empanelled, in an alleged case of piracy on the high seas, Sir Joseph Kemp ordered the jurymen to be discharged, and a new jury sworn, for the reason that a statement made in the opening address of Counsel for the Crown might have the effect of prejudicing the prisoner.

Prisoner, Chan Sam, who had previously entered a plea of "Not Guilty" to the charge, made a "relevant" statement.

He was proceeding with his address, when the Chief Justice asked, if it (the statement) was relevant to the case.

The Chief Justice said he was not sure that he should go on with the same jury. The question of possible prejudice was a very difficult one to discuss in Court, before the jury. He could quite imagine that the mention of the fact might prejudice the jury.

Mr. Fitzroy said that if His Lordship held that opinion he would certainly prefer the jury to be discharged at once.

The Chief Justice, addressing the jury, then said: Gentlemen, for reasons, I need not explain to you, I think it better that this case be tried by another jury. You are therefore discharged in this case, but will have to attend here to-morrow morning instead.

Later, when a new jury was about to be empanelled, the Chief Justice said, that he would like to say for the benefit of the jurors whose names were about to be drawn that a jury had been impanelled in the case, but that it had been necessary for a certain reason which need not be stated to discharge that jury. It was now necessary to draw another to try it.

Ban on Cotton Growing?

New Orleans, Yesterday. The internal revenue collections, not including the Customs, for the fiscal year 1931, dropped \$621,000,000, to \$2,428,000,000. Income tax declined \$550,000,000, and the corporation taxes declined \$287,000,000.

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Local Forecast:—W. winds, moderate; generally cloudy, occasional rain.

Rainfall:—Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day 0.7 inch. Total since January 1—55.58 inches against an average of 60.65 inches—deficit 2.07 inches.

Temperature:—The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	78
Pratas Island	81
Macao	77
Manila	88
Foochow	80
Amoy	80
Swatow	78
Chefoo	75
Shanghai	79

Communications and means of transport, and the building of new factories all over China.

It is estimated that the carrying out of this scheme will require 200,000,000 tons of coal, and 12,000,000 tons of steel.

It is expected that the execution of the scheme will occupy a decade.—Reuter.

WHEAT FOR FLOOD VICTIMS.

U.S. Asked to Supply.

CHINESE ENQUIRY.

Washington, Yesterday. The Chinese Government, it is understood, has asked the Government of the United States what quantity of wheat it has available for supply on credit for relief of the flood victims in the Yangtze Valley and elsewhere.—Reuter.

D.E.I. DEPORTATIONS

Alleged Chinese Communists.

Batavia, Yesterday. Over 180 Chinese are to be deported from the Dutch East Indies as the result of Police investigations.

They are said to be implicated in the dissemination of Communist propaganda in the Riau Archipelago.—Reuter.

HUGE PLAN FOR CHINA HER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

ROSY OUTLOOK

WILL TAKE DECADE TO COMPLETE.

Geneva, Yesterday.

A telegram from the International Labour Office has been received containing information from the Chinese International Department concerning a big industrial development scheme, which is to be submitted to the Chinese Government shortly providing for the development of 120,000,000 hectares of land at present lying unused, and the construction of a mercantile marine of at least 8,000,000 tons.

Other components of this scheme are extension of com-

SHARES REMAIN QUIET.

Undertone Reported Steady.

THIS MORNING'S FEATURES.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange this morning states:

The Stock Market was generally quiet this morning, but the undertone remained steady.

Banks were done at \$2,040.

Unions had sellers at \$565, and sales of Underwriters took place at \$6.

Hong Kong Steamboats had buyers in the market at \$28½, but nothing transpired.

Waterboats were enquired for at \$28½ without leading to business.

Frovidents (old) had sellers at \$6.15, but buyers would not pay higher than \$6.05.

Hotels (old) were done at \$17.45 and \$17.65, but there were sellers willing to continue at \$17.40.

Lands, with sales put through at \$91½, had buyers willing to do business at \$90½.

Realities were in demand at \$17.35, sellers asking \$17.40, and sales were reported at \$17.30.

Two Cottons.—Sales have to be recorded at \$15.15, but there were buyers at the close at \$15.20.

Shanghai Cottons have changed hands at Tls. 98½, buyers prevailing at Tls. 99.

China Lights were firmer at \$26.80 buyers, but shares were not obtainable at this rate.

Hong Kong Electrics were transacted at \$81½ with further buyers at the rate.

Telephones (part paid) were done at \$38½, and there were buyers prepared to pay \$38½.

Cements had sellers at \$20.10, with sales negotiated at \$20.10, but buyers were willing to go on at \$20.

Dairy Farms were in demand at \$32½, and sales occurred at \$32.00.

Watsons were dealt in at \$16.60, buyers offering \$16.50.

Constructions had buyers at \$13, but no business resulted.

STANLEY BALDWIN HURRIES BACK

CABINET COMMITTEE STILL DISCUSSING PROJECTS

HEAVY FALL OF STOCKS

RUMOUR OF TAX ON INTEREST BEARING SECURITIES

The Cabinet Economy Committee continues its business of considering ways and means to balance the Budget.

British Government stocks experienced the heaviest fall in recent times owing to a rumour getting abroad that a tax might be imposed on interest-bearing securities.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin's unexpected early return to London has given rise to speculation. He was not expected to return till some time after Thursday.

The Committee is determined to have a definite programme ready by Wednesday, and it is now thought certain that Parliament will re-assemble early in September.

WEEK OF POLITICAL IMPORTANCE

London, Yesterday. Excitement has been caused by a report from Paris that Mr. Stanley Baldwin has left Aix-les-Bains for London. He had not expected that he would make any move before receiving a report from Mr. Neville Chamberlain on Thursday after the Government had communicated its programme to Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Sir Herbert Samuel.

The Cabinet Committee adjourned after four and a half hours' discussion until to-morrow morning when it will continue probably the whole day if necessary.

In view of the principle laid down by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald that there must be "equal sacrifices for all" a proposal is seriously being examined for a tax on fixed interest bearing securities.

Reuter understands, however, that on examination it was revealed that there were certain difficulties in the application of such a tax. Well-informed political circles consequently consider the likelihood of such a tax has been considerably lessened.

Rumours of such a plan getting abroad during the day, however, caused one of the heaviest falls of British Government stocks in recent times.

The Committee is determined to be in a position to submit a definite programme to the full Cabinet on Wednesday which may be embodied in the new Finance Bill which would be presented to a special session of Parliament next month.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Cabinet Sub-Committee of five, which is considering measures to secure a balanced Budget, met this afternoon for three

hours and, after an hour's adjournment, continued its study of the projects before it.

A week of important political events, which may lead to an early re-assembly of Parliament, began with the return to London this morning of the Prime Minister, who travelled by night from Scotland. With other Ministers, Mr. Philip Snowden, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Graham and Mr. Thomas, Mr. MacDonald will tomorrow continue preparation of proposals for the consideration of the full Cabinet on Wednesday.—On Thursday a meeting will be called to explain the financial position to the General Council of the Trades Union Congress and Executive of the Labour Party, and they will probably also be in consultation with Leaders of the Conservative and Liberal Parties with regard to the Cabinet's plans.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday. The "economy big five"—Messrs. MacDonald, Snowden, Henderson, William Graham and Thomas—again gathered in London this morning from the four corners of the kingdom, for a meeting at 4 p.m.

There is considerable activity in political circles in anticipation of the expected decision of the Government to summon Parliament after the Cabinet meeting on August 19, in order to pass legislation embodying the Government's proposals.

Various theories continue to be advanced as regards the Government's precise measures, but there seems a general agreement that a special levy on all kinds of interest-bearing securities is at least receiving serious consideration.—Reuter.

FLOODS ABATING?

Falling Level of Water Reported.

PITIFUL SIGHTS

Hankow, Yesterday. The river rose another three inches during the night, but there was a slight fall this afternoon, and all the ports up-river report a falling level.

Communications have been interrupted.—Reuter.

A German Mill has been installed in the Kawasaki Dockyard, Co. Kobe. It is a semi-continuous mill for rolling sheet, bars, and sheets. It has a rated capacity of about 600 tons a day.

Food prices are soaring, and little fresh food is available. There are pitiful sights with refugees evacuating the railway embankment with their meagre possessions, some with their bodies bound on their heads, struggling

along with the water up to their chins. A few are still clinging to the embankment, though now only the rails are exposed above water. Dead cattle and dogs

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ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

What Mail Reviewers Say.

"DON'T BET ON WOMEN."

Very large houses were the order of the day yesterday at the King's Theatre for the second day's screening of the farce "Don't Bet on Women." It is a picture that should appeal to every one; at least no one last night seemed disappointed.

Edmund Lowe was his usual suave self in the chief role of the divorced husband, who was willing to make a large settlement on his former wife from whom he had been divorced for five years, on the occasion of her third marriage—this time to a poor man—out of gratitude to her for opening his eyes to the fact that all women were bad.

Roland Young was very amusing as the husband of Jeannette MacDonald. They took the parts of Mr. and Mrs. Drake, but the best performance was undoubtedly that of Una Merkel, who played the part of Tallulah, a young flapper relative of the Drake. She stole the picture absolutely from the principal actors.

The story develops from Drake, a lawyer betting Roger Fallon (Edmund Lowe), a young man about town, that he cannot kiss the first woman that comes on to the verandah on which they are standing. The first woman who eventually makes an appearance is Drake's wife (Jeannette MacDonald) and the funny situations that arise after this make delightfully amusing comedy. We advise every one who has not seen the picture to go and have a few hours' fine entertainment.

From Other Sources.

"ABRAHAM LINCOLN."

D. W. Griffith's "Abraham Lincoln" is showing at the Queen's Theatre, with Walter Huston cast in the title role, came across an interesting Lincoln story while he was filming the picture.

The compiler of the "Dictionary of Congress," desiring a biography of Lincoln for publication in 1858, sent the gaunt Illinoisian the usual request for a sketch of his life. He received the following reply:

"Born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky.

Education defective. Profession, a lawyer. Have been a Captain of volunteers in Black Hawk War. Postmaster at a very small office. Four times a member of the Illinois Legislature and was a member of the Lower House of Congress. Yours, etc.

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"THE STORM."

One of the most gripping pictures ever brought to the screen is "The Storm," Universal's stirring romantic drama of the Canadian wilds, which opens at the Central Theatre to-day.

"The Storm" is a tremendous drama both from its human and natural angles. Added to the fierce conflict of the human hearts is the rage of the elements in a most primitive setting. The scenic effects of the picture are as beautiful and awe-inspiring as the human situation is compelling.

"The Storm" deals with the eternal triangle in a most unique setting. Two men and a girl are imprisoned by winter in a snowbound cabin in the wilderness of western Canada. The girl is a naive, impulsive French-Canadian, her natural impulses untempered by contact with civilization. The men are of widely different types. One is a city man, suave and polished, the other a stalwart frontiersman. Both love the girl—each in his own way.

Lupe Velez has never been seen to better advantage than as the little French Canadian girl. A feature of her part is the singing of a delightful song, "Chansonne de Pierrot and Pierrette."

Paul Cavanagh and William Boyd are cast as the old friends who are torn by the desire for the one woman. Important roles are also portrayed by Alphonse Ethier and Ernie S. Adams.

"QUICK MILLIONS."

Much of the romance that surrounds people of the screen and stage in the minds of the public is due to the fact that they usually are shown doing things their audiences feel that they would like to do if they had the chance.

For instance, much of the romance of a picture such as "The Big Trail" rested in the adventures of the intrepid pioneers. It is certain that many who saw the picture envied the actors their roles.

Seldom, however, do players actually become imbued with the same spirit. They are exposed to such a variety of experiences that they are not working; most of them like to relax and take things easy.

Marguerite Churchill, who has a featured feminine role in "Quick Millions," Fox romance, coming next to the King's Theatre, is a notable exception. Miss Churchill, a delicately bred girl, who previously had spent all her time in cities, was enraptured with her experience in the making of "The Big Trail."

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainment.

To-day—King's Theatre;
"Don't Bet On Women."

To-day—Queen's Theatre;
"Abraham Lincoln."

To-day—Central Theatre;
"The Storm."

To-day—Majestic Theatre;
"The Spoilers."

To-day—World Theatre;
"The Shadow."

To-day—Star Theatre;
"The Divorce."

Radio.
See to-day's programme on page 11.

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Angers and Kulmerland); Outward for Europe via Siberia (President Lincoln), 6 p.m.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 4.

Lammer's Auctions.

To-morrow—"Palace Store," 23, Nathan Road, Kowloon, Stock-in-trade; 11 a.m.

Meeting.

To-day—Sanitary Board Meeting, 4:15 p.m.

Police Reserve.

Orders for the Current Week.

INDIAN INSPECTION.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:

General.

Revolver Practice.—The regular weekly revolver practice will take place at the Bowen Road Revolver Range to-morrow. It will be open to all members of the Chinese Company, Hong Kong Police Reserve.

Training Course—Part II. The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central will be held as usual to-day at 5:30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company and of the Flying Squad who have not passed Part II of Training Course should attend.

Chinese Company.

Revolver Practice.—Revolver practice will be carried out on the Bowen Road Revolver Range to-morrow. All members of the Chinese Company who have not passed Part II of Training Course this year should attend without fail.

Indian Company.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company are reminded of the parade to be held at the Police Headquarters to-morrow, for a general inspection of Equipment etc. by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5:30 p.m. sharp under P/Sgt. R. J. Hunt. Dress-White uniform; cap with white cover; belt, truncheon, whistle, armlet and badge, "Pocket Police" and note-book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present. Recruits will attend.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Revolver Practice.—Revolver practice will be carried out on the Kennedy Road Range to-morrow at 5:15 p.m. Members will assemble on the range at that time, with revolvers, belts and holsters. Uniform optional.

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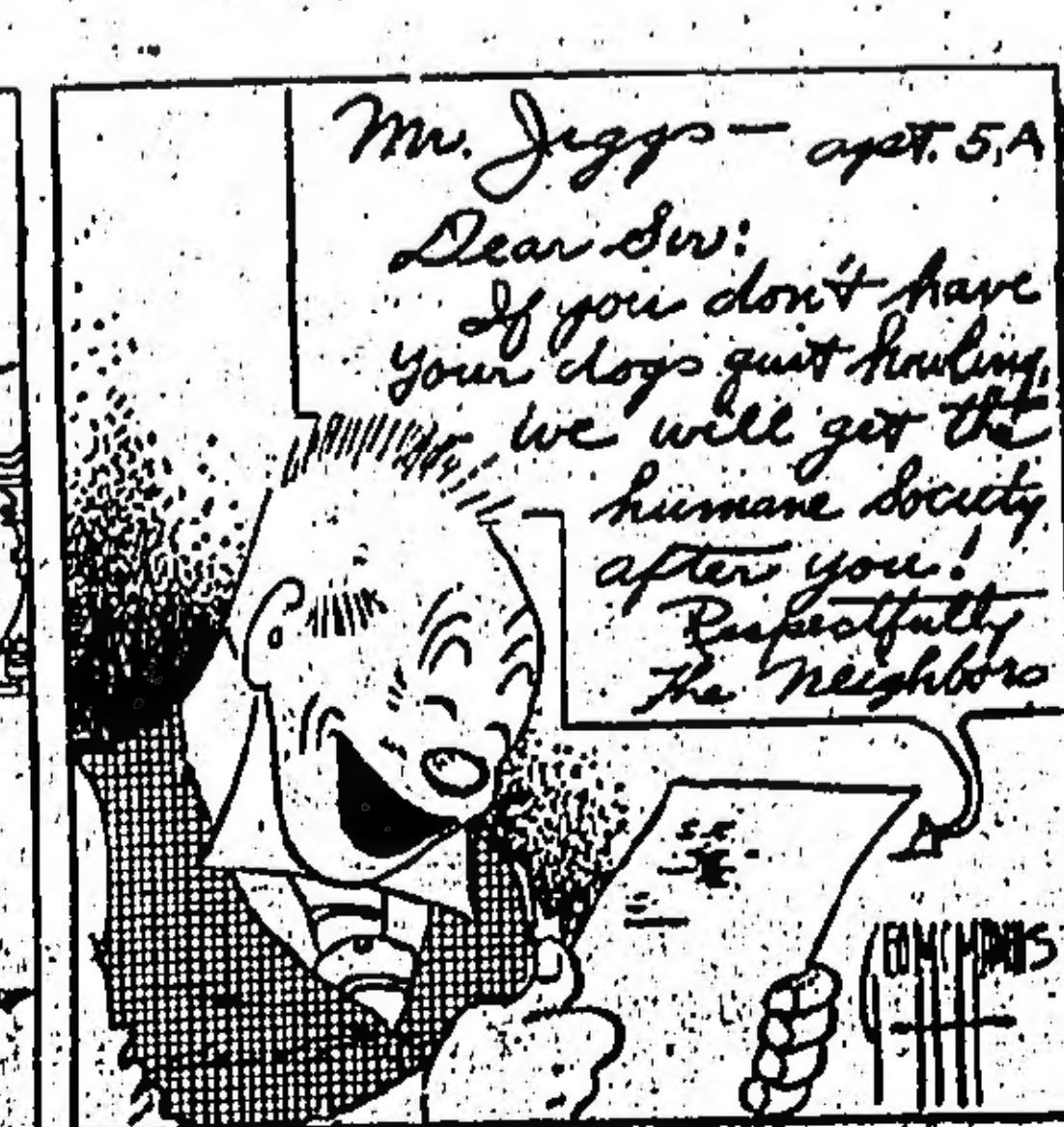
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

AUTOMOBILE CLASSIC SENSATION.

Withdrawal of French Aces from Race.

ITALIAN REMAIN.

London, Yesterday. A sensation was caused at Belfast to-day when news came through that the three Bugatti cars entered for the Royal Automobile Club Trophy Race in Ulster on Saturday had been scratched. The officials are mystified as regards the reason as no explanation has yet been received. The Bugattis were to have been driven by a team of French aces who were expected to fight out a thrilling struggle with the Italian team, who are driving Alfa Romeos.

The withdrawal of the French team robs the race of its international character, but there are still 48 cars entered for the classic.—Reuter.

BRITISH CYCLING SUCCESSES.

Nortons Win Races in Switzerland.

RARE SPEEDS.

Rugby, Yesterday. British machines were very successful in the Swiss Motor Cycling Grand Prix Races over the weekend. Stanley-Woods on a Norton won the 500 C.C. Class at an average speed of 73.5 miles an hour, and Percy Hunt, who has won the Dutch Tourist Trophy as well as the British Tourist Trophy, riding a Norton, won the 350 C.C. Class at an average speed of 69 miles an hour.—British Wireless Service.

AGAIN NO PLAY AT MANCHESTER.

Field Under Water from Rain.

SECOND DAY WASHED OUT.

Manchester, Yesterday. Owing to heavy rain there was no play in the third Test match at Manchester to-day. Several hours of steady downpour left the field under water.—Reuter.

BILLIARDS.

Borderers Teams Meet in Garrison League.

WIN FOR "A" SECTION.

Teams from the South Wales Borderers met in the Garrison Billiards League at the Soldiers' Club yesterday evening, these being the winners of the "A" and "B" Sections.

Scores:

"A" Team.

L/Sgt. Jarman	150
C.S.M. Smith	150
C.S.M. Lewis	150
C.S.M. Kite	132
Sergt. Rice	96
Sergt. Organ	150
	828

"B" Team.

L/C Ellis	128
Pte. Walters	110
Pte. Clapp	124
Pte. Williams	150
Drm. Mathias	150
Pte. Davies	139
	801

GOLF.

Result of Bogey Pool at Fanling.

The Bogey Pool at Fanling over the week-end was won by J. V. MacFarlan (8 down).

There were 19 entries, including 13 carried forward from July.

KENT DEFEAT NOTTS BY 6 WICKETS.

VOICES UNAVAILING EFFORT.

Hampshire Twice Out for 145 Runs.

ESSEX FAST BOWLERS.

London, Yesterday. Two matches were concluded to-day at the County Championship, Kent and Essex claiming full points at the expense of Notts and Hampshire.

Low scoring featured the match at Dover between Kent and Notts, excellent bowling figures being returned by both teams. In gaining their eleventh victory of the season Kent were indebted to their slow combination of Freeman and Marriott. Batting first Notts were dismissed for 124, Freeman claiming 6 victims for 76 runs. Kent fared even worse on the bowler's wicket and were skittled out by Vose (8 for 40) for 89. Notts increased their lead to 192, Marriott capturing 7 wickets for 67 runs. Kent found little difficulty in collecting the necessary runs for victory. As the result of their victory Kent now displace Notts as runners-up, providing Gloucestershire lose to Surrey.

At Southampton, Essex defeated Hampshire by an innings and 62 runs in a very low scoring match, in which no fewer than four bowlers met with great success. Hampshire batted first and were dismissed for 91, Eastman claiming half the wickets for 15 runs. Essex found Kennedy in good form but managed to take a lead of 116 runs on the first innings. In their second innings the home county collapsed sensational before Nichols (5 for 24) and H. T. O. Smith (4 for 8) and were dismissed for 54.

Full results as cabled by Reuter were as follows:

Kent beat Notts by six wickets at Dover.

Scores:

Notts	124 Freeman 6 for 76.
	157 (C. S. Marriott 7 for 67).
Kent	89 (Vose 8 for 40).
	195 for four wickets.

Essex beat Hampshire by an innings and 62 runs at Southampton.

Scores:

Hampshire	91 (Eastman 5 for 15).
	54 (Nichols 5 for 24).
	H. T. O. Smith 4 for 8.
Essex	207 (Kennedy 6 for 57).

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

LAWN TENNIS—To-morrow Mixed Doubles—United Services R.C. v. University; Kowloon C.C. v. Club de Marconi. **LAWN BOWLS**—Saturday—Taikoo R.C. v. Craigengower C.C.; Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Club de Recreio v. Kowloon B.G.C.; Division II—Taikoo R.C.C. v. Taikoo R.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; Kowloon B.G.C. v. Club de Recreio; Electric R.C. v. Yacht Club.

ABROAD

CRICKET—To-day—England v. New Zealand. Yorkshire v. Middlesex. Warwickshire v. Sussex. Lancashire v. Glamorgan. Nottinghamshire v. Derbyshire. Gloucestershire v. Surrey. Worcestershire v. Warwickshire. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—Middlesex v. Derbyshire at Lord's. Sussex v. Lancashire at Eastbourne. Kent v. Worcestershire at Dover. Essex v. Notts at Southend. Somerset v. Surrey at Taunton. Gloucestershire v. Glamorgan at Cheltenham. Northamptonshire v. Yorkshire at Northampton. Saturday, Monday and Tuesday—Middlesex v. Kent at Lord's. Surrey v. Yorkshire at the Oval. Hampshire v. Leicestershire at Bournemouth. Sussex v. Worcestershire at Eastbourne. Essex v. New Zealand at Southend. Gloucestershire v. Warwickshire at Gloucester. North v. Lancashire at Nottingham.

Derbyshire v. Glamorgan at Chesterfield.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day to Saturday—U.S. Ladies' Championships at Forest Hills.

AMERICA WINS OCEAN YACHT RACE.

Tragedy Mars Sailing Classic.

FOUR VESSELS MISSING.

London, Yesterday. The great ocean yacht race over a course of 615 miles from Cowes to Fastnet Rock and back via Plymouth was won by the American yawl, Dorade, which recently won the trans-Atlantic race. Two American schooners, the Water Gypsy and Mistress, were second and third, respectively.

The race was marred by the tragedy of Colonel Charles Hudson, the part owner of one of the competing vessels, who was washed overboard and drowned during the gale which swept the English coast yesterday.

News is still awaited of four of the seventeen yachts which took part.—Reuter.

MYSTERY BRITISH PLANE.

"Hush-Hush" Schneider Cup Entrant.

London, July 20. The British High-Speed Flight now at Calshot preparing for the Schneider Trophy contest, to be held on September 12, has undergone a change owing to the accident on July 8 in which Flight-Lieut. E. J. L. Hope had a narrow escape.

Flight-Lieut. Hope happily was unhurt, and is well, but there are only a few weeks before the contest and it is considered unreasonable to make the heavy demands on him which further practice would entail. His accident was due to a piece of the engine coming away and striking him on the head. He immediately alighted, fearing that trouble might develop, and in alighting at high speed got into the wash of a liner. The seaplane sank, but the pilot was rescued.

His place in the team is taken by Lieut. G. L. Brinton, R.N. (Flying Officer, R.A.F.), Fleet Air Arm. This officer has already been in the High Speed Flight, but when its numbers were reduced to five he and another were transferred.

The Air Ministry has received official notification that two officers, ten men, and three-speed training aircraft of the Italian Air Force will arrive at Calshot on August 12 for the preliminary preparations in connection with the Schneider Trophy race.

The remainder of the team, consisting of twelve officers and forty men, will arrive on August 26. Pontoon boats are being sent.

Although no official news has been received regarding the French entries, it is understood that three pontoons are being built for them at Cowes.

The first of the new S 6 seaplanes, which has been built for this year's Schneider Trophy race was delivered yesterday at Calshot, where the British team is in training.

The seaplane was towed from the Vickers super-marine works down Southampton Water in one of the R.A.F. launching lighters constructed specially for racing seaplanes.

Squadron Leader A. H. Orlebar, the captain of the British team, and his officers lost no time in inspecting the new plane, and it is probable that Squadron Leader Orlebar will himself give the machine its first flight as soon as conditions are suitable.

Less than two months remain for practice on the new machines, the date of the contest having been fixed for September 12.

The plane was at once placed in a special hangar, where it will be closely guarded day and night. Details of the machine are being kept secret by the authorities.

This seaplane and another which is near completion have been built as a result of the fund which Lady Houston placed at the disposal of the Air Ministry. Mr. R. J. Mitchell, designer of the plane which won in 1929, has been responsible for the design of these

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WINS' CANADIAN OPEN.

REPLY TO CRITICS.

Victory at Eleventh Hour.

WORTH OF ALISS.

So Walter Hagen has come back. That remark must have been a very common one in golf clubhouse after the result of the tournament was known in the Canadian Open Championship at Toronto. Many people prompted by patriotic motives probably held that Percy Alliss would pull off the event, but those who have known Hagen of old had the feeling that he would make one more "kill."

Holding Back.

It was so like Hagen to win at the eleventh hour in a thirty-six holes replay after Alliss had played the golf of his career to tie with him on the leading aggregate mark. It was just the sort of situation that would delight the smiling American's heart; the crisis that would bring out of him his greatest gulf, and an incident that would make the Championship doubly worth while to him.

Here was a reply to the critics, who said that Walter Hagen was finished, that he had won his last title, and that his golf was wearing thin, and how typical of the man to answer in such a theatrical dramatic way. Hagen wallows in the dramatic, for it means publicity, and he is, as ever, a great showman.

Great Showmanship.

In a country where showmanship is the general order of things, he has long occupied a little pedestal of his own, and such are his methods and so magnetic his personality that one unconsciously finds one's heart warming towards him. He is a showman, maybe, but a very likeable one and a great golfer.

He has not been to this country since his victory in the Open at Muirfield in 1929. On that occasion after the final round, he sat swinging his legs on the edge of a table in the Press tent and made a promise, "I am coming back, boys," he said. I wonder?

Worth of Percy Alliss.

Percy Alliss's feat in tying with Hagen and then going down after playing hurricane golf for the best part of the replay was a magnificent one, and it was just unfortunate that it was Hagen who imposed him in the extra lap.

Alliss started on it with a really amazing flash of brilliance. He was three below fours with four holes played, and had four strokes in hand then. That blow, delivered right at the outset, would in all probability have crushed most opponents to such an extent that he would have had a whole fistful of strokes in hand at the end of eighteen holes. Hagen was the exception, and instead of a handful there was but a solitary stroke between them.

Crowd in Frenzy.

That was soon wiped out, and though we read that Alliss had the crowd in a frenzy with a wonderful two midway through the second round, it was not good enough. Hagen had his head in front and was keeping it there. The American still has that amazing power of shutting his mind completely to the bad holes.

The result was just another proof of Alliss's worth, and there must have been heartburnings over it in some quarters. For was not this Alliss, British born, excluded from the Ryder Cup team? There he was, tying with the great Hagen, playing his way, sturdily and confidently through the rounds under none too easy conditions with all his fellow-countrymen falling by the wayside.

Most of us had heard of Alliss's golfing history, but here is just one little-known fact—he served in a Highland regiment, the Black Watch, during the War.

Forgotten Laurels.

Just as Macdonald Smith's performance last year in finishing twice as runner-up, first at Hoylake and then in the American Open, both to Bobby Jones, was overshadowed by the greater feat of the Champion, so Alliss's performance in coming very near to



Who said that the Hagen era was ended?

winning the Open is already being forgotten, writes "Nibble" in The Sports Dispatch. It is the old story of to the victor the spoils.

Ahead of Armour.

How many people remember the position in the last round of the Open when Alliss finished just ahead of Armour?

He had a wonderful chance of returning a 71, and looked like doing it with beautiful golf until the last hole, where he pulled a brassie. It was not a bad pull, but such a stroke got heavy punishment at Carnoustie and he was out of bounds, bunged his next home on the green, and took six where a four would have given him a tie with Armour.

National Reputation.

British golfers should take off their hats to Percy Alliss, and thank him for doing something to save the national reputation, both at Carnoustie and again in Canada. He is undoubtedly the outstanding home golfer of the year.

"The great golf ball war" is still being fiercely waged in America, according to the Literary Digest, which presents an interesting summary of opinions.

"A dollar goes farther now than a year ago," says an editorial. "Not if it buys a golf ball," Life replies sasically.

In other words, just another skirmish in the duffers' war on the new golf ball—the hated 1.65—1.55.

New Ball A "Pestilence."

Sentiment against the new or balloon golf ball, says Francis J. Powers in a Consolidated Press dispatch, "appears to be increasing rapidly." Referendums held by newspapers in various golf centres indicate that the larger and lighter ball has very few friends, most of them in hiding, and is unquestionably a pestilence."

BRIDGE PLAYER DIES IN LINER.

Tragedy on Voyage to Meet His Daughter.

When the French liner Ile de France reached Plymouth from New York it was reported that Mr. Wilbur Whitehead had died during the voyage.

Mr. Whitehead was 65 and was on his way to meet his daughter, who lives in Paris. He was one of the world's leading exponents of bridge and whist, and had represented the United States in international contests.

The body was embalmed and taken in the liner to Havre.

Mr. Whitehead was president and chairman of the Card Committee of the Cavendish Club of New York. He wrote many books on the game, chief among which were "Auction Bridge Standards," "Auction Bridge Complete," and "Contract Bridge Standards."

He was the first American author to elaborate the system of quick trick valuation of the hands for bidding purposes, and, in conjunction with Major Pattern, was the inventor of the "informative double."

COUPLE DANCE FOR A MONTH.

752 Hours Recorded in "Marathon."

Paris, July 21.

The Paris "Dance Marathon" ended at four o'clock this morning, the victorious couple having danced for 752 hours.

The winners are Mr. Ted Stanley, an American, of Miami, Florida, whose partner was a French girl. The reward for their efforts is a prize of 12,500 francs (2100).

Both had to be carried off the floor when the competition ended. The girl had worn out twenty pairs of shoes and the man eight. Both, when they were capable of speech, declared "Never again."

The second prize is won by a couple who dropped out yesterday when the male partner sprained a leg while attempting fancy steps in a semi-conscious condition.

Altogether the dancers have received 200,000 francs (\$1,600) in money given by the spectators.

Towards the end of the contest the dancers had to be prodded forcibly to the floor after their fifteen minutes' rest at the end of ed Press.

RUGBY LAWS TO BE WAS THE KAISER AMENDED.

Ball Going Fairly Into Scrummage.

OFF-SIDE PLAY.

A special sub-committee of the four home Unions, appointed by the International Rugby Football Board, has been amending the laws of the game, and the sub-committee's recommendations will be considered by a special general meeting of the Rugby Football Union.

Many changes in the laws have been suggested, most of them minor verbal improvements, but two in particular are of outstanding importance.

The first concerns the scrummage laws. For some time there have been considerable difficulties about getting the ball fairly into the scrummage. Various theories have been put forward to explain the difficulty and to formulate a solution, but most good judges are agreed that the trouble arises from what has come to be known as near-foot hooking. This means that the hooker uses the foot on the side nearest to that on which the ball is put into the scrummage, and in his attempt to deflect the ball he often causes it to rebound out of the scrummage.

Illegal Hooking Defined.

Actually, even under the existing laws, which say that the ball is not fairly in the scrummage until it has passed both feet of a player of each team, near-foot hooking is illegal, though referees in general have never felt justified in interpreting the law strictly. They need have no scruples if the new amendment becomes law, for then the paragraph will read:

"No player in a scrummage shall advance a foot off the ground or advance a foot beyond the line of feet of his front-row forwards until the ball is fairly in the scrummage, and the first three feet of the front-row forwards of each team on the side on which the ball is being put in may not be so raised or advanced until the ball has passed them."

That is specific enough, and it clearly makes hooking with the foot nearest the side on which the ball is being put in illegal. It will, in fact, ensure a return to the method by which the ball is swept back, and as there is nothing to prevent the outside men helping the hooker, we should not only have considerably less delay in getting the ball into the scrummage, but a general improvement in heeling. In my opinion, near-foot hooking has caused a definite deterioration in the standard of scrummaging, and the sooner it is abolished the better it will be for the game.

There is another addition to the scrummage laws which is significant, for it is proposed that "the player putting the ball into the scrummage shall stand about 3 ft. from the scrummage, and with both hands from below the knee shall gently propel the ball, etc."

Putting The Ball In.

The operative word here is "gently," and that opens up a debatable aspect of the problem. It is, of course, true that when a scrum-half shoots the ball into the scrummage like a rocket, it is apt to bounce out again, but, there are difficulties in the way of attempting to define the pace at which the ball is put in. As a matter of fact, with near-foot hooking abolished, I think this particular problem will solve itself, for the far-foot hooker prefers to have the ball sent to him at a moderate speed.

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The second vital amendment suggested by the sub-committee is an alteration in Law 17, (b), relating to off-side. This law, at present rules that player is off-side while the ball is in a scrummage, provided that he has one foot behind it—a very convenient ruling for back-row forwards, who can be ready to pounce on the scrum-half immediately.

The proposed alteration is that a player is off-side if whilst the ball is in the scrummage, he, not being in the scrummage, remains with either foot in front of the ball.

In other words, he must have both feet behind it, and this should appreciably restrict the activities of back-row forwards, and often give the scrum-half the extra half-second which makes all the difference.

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IDEAL FOR PRESENT WEAR.

Scathing Book by Ex-Chancellor.

ASTONISHING REVELATIONS.

Was the Kaiser insane? Ought he to have been deposed, years before the war, on account of his lack of mental balance?

It is revealed in the "Memoirs of Prince von Bulow" (Putnam's 25s), that the question was discussed behind the scenes in Germany seventeen years before the war came.

Prince von Bulow, for long Foreign Minister and Imperial Chancellor, spent five years in writing and three in correcting his books, after the war, and his manuscript was locked up in a bank until his death.

His revelations about the Kaiser are astonishing. His book is the most unsparing exposure of the Kaiser that has come from any German. It is like corrosive acid.

"Eulenburg wrote repeatedly to me," he says, "to say that he was continually preaching caution to the Kaiser, pointing out among other things that Cardinal Hohenlohe (brother of the former Imperial Chancellor) had written confidentially to him, Eulenburg, that the Kaiser must be very much on his guard, very cautious, very prudent."

"The Cardinal, he said, had written to him that he knew 'positively' that the idea was being evolved in many minds of declaring the Kaiser not responsible for his actions; there were highly placed personages who would gladly lend their hands to the institution of a suit to that end."

Bulow's memoirs, so carefully written and revised, will rub salt into the wounds of the Hermit of Doorn. Nothing has yet been written more calculated to destroy for ever the 'Kaiser legend' and to set William II. down for ever a failure, a craven, and a 'mockery.'

A Barbed Shaft.

He recalls that after he became the Foreign Minister and colleague of Prince Hohenlohe, the Prince twice "deliberately and gravely asked me if I consider William II. to be mentally quite normal."

Bulow replied that he considered the Kaiser sane, but "neurotic" and so is always oscillating between excessive optimism and excessive pessimism." And then, barbing his shaft, Bulow added: "Fundamentally, his nature is not bold but timidous." Bulow seems to take a malicious delight in referring to the Kaiser's dash into Holland as his "fight"—which it no doubt was—and he rubs it in hard, by contrasting the Kaiser with his wife, the Kaiserin August Victoria.

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It is a scathing, devastating summing up of the Kaiser as supreme War Lord.

"It is a deeply tragic circumstance that this same monarch, who took more delight in and attached more importance to his military dignities and privileges than anything else, who was taken up with the signs of his military rank, sometimes almost revelled in them to a degree almost unheard of in any other prince, who never lost an opportunity of wielding the marshal's baton, near had his fill of parades and parade marches, cavalry charges and frontal attacks on the manoeuvre ground, 'drew back when Bellona turned her stern face towards him and real war began.'

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News in Radio.

Over three months ago we commented on resolutions adopted by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association designed to meet the competition of the radio as a news-disseminating and advertising medium. One resolution suggested that radio programmes, if published, should be handled as paid advertising. Another dealt with the investigation of "the legality of the radio broadcasting of direct advertising." It was further suggested that a committee should be appointed to confer with the Press Associations on the question of broadcasting news reports. At the time we commented on the steady encroachment on the legitimate field of the Press in Hong Kong and in China by the radio, which had developed even to the extent of broadcasting "advertising talks" in Shanghai.

The Home papers to hand publish an article on broadcast news for the Empire, in the course of which the Prince of Wales is quoted as having pointed out the advantage to British trade through a more efficient service of British news being broadcast to overseas listeners. A Home paper gives the experience of overseas listeners with Chelmsford; one of the latter complaining of the paucity of news. He states that overseas listeners cannot get direct reception of medium wave B.B.C. stations because of fading. And it is pointed out that for reasons of copyright the news service is practically non-existent.

There is, of course, a great difference between complaints of this kind and that ventilated by the newspaper publishers in America. In Malaya, for instance, which is mentioned in the article in the Home paper, there are hundreds of rubber estates and tin mines remote from any newspaper centre and these have to depend for the most part on the Home papers which are five or six weeks old by the time they arrive. Similarly in the bush in Australia, miles from civilisation

there is no means except by the Radio of keeping in close touch with Australian and Home affairs. To such as these an Empire news service by radio would be a boon as well as an advantage to Empire trade. A great opportunity presents itself to the British trade campaigners, of whom the Prince of Wales is by far the most brilliant and most successful.

It will be noticed from the report of the Empire Marketing Board, also published by us today, that among the eight methods of publicity used are wireless talks to housewives, by courtesy of the B.B.C.

Thus, in its legitimate field, there is admittedly much that can be done by means of radio to further the cause of Empire trade. To go further, particularly in newspaper centres, would result in a challenge by newspaper publishers, as in the United States in regard to the competition with newspapers, both as regards news and advertising.

It was suggested three months ago in this column that a Far

East Newspaper Publishers' Association might be formed with advantage to deal with radio developments as they arose. We see no reason to withdraw that suggestion in the interests of

the Press as a whole.

Mail Commentary.

H.M.S. Falcon

The re-erection in China of this gunboat was mentioned in the House of Commons recently when, in reply to Commander Southby's question, the First Lord of the Admiralty stated that the contract had been given to Yarrow & Co. Limited, who had appointed the Kiangnan Company as sub-contractors. He admitted that the Kiangnan Company was Chinese-owned, but said it was understood that the works were under British technical management.

Pressed to give an assurance that in future work of this kind would be given to British and not Chinese firms, the First Lord made this astounding reply:

"I could not give any specific undertaking of that kind. If what the hon. gentleman has in mind is the labour employed, it is certain that British firms at Shanghai employ as much foreign labour as the others."

What if they do? It seems only right that the Admiralty should undertake to see that even the re-

erection of craft for the British Navy should be entrusted to a British-owned firm wherever and whenever such is possible.

And, if the Admiralty cannot see its way to do that, its contractors should. Yarrow & Co.'s action in this matter is, to say the least, surprising.

Industrialisation of China.

From time to time details of grandiose schemes for the industrialisation of China are broadcast the world over. They usually involve the expenditure of millions of pounds sterling, the use of millions of tons of this, that and other commodity, and estimated to occupy a decade or more to complete. But few of them ever get started, and those few seldom, if ever, complete the course. The difficulties in the way, no doubt, are enormous, and probably there is reason for congratulation for even the little that is accomplished.

And so, the scheme which is announced to-day, as grandiose and stupendous as ever, will be accepted with reserve. No doubt it is, rather to a good wish, and so will be regarded by most.

Grounds for Divorce.

According to a cable to-day, Jack Dempsey is petitioning for divorce on the ground of "Mental Cruelty". The legal arguments advanced will be worth studying.

This brings-to-mind the case of the wife of an American scientist who, not very long ago, applied for a divorce on the ground that her husband's affections had been usurped by his study of natural history—a most unnatural rival, surely. Instead of mixing with his fellow-men, he preferred, it was said, to roam the Gobi Desert, searching for the remains of the earliest human species and for the dinosaur's ten-million-year-old egg.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 77 degrees. The humidity was 94 at 10 a.m. and 90 at 4 p.m.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek arrived at Lunghwa yesterday afternoon by air from Kiangsi, says a Reuter message from Shanghai.

Reports that Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh had departed for Nemuoro have proved to be unfounded, says a Reuter message from Tokyo.

Mr. W. Marshall, of the Standard Oil Company, returned to Hong Kong yesterday by the s.s. President Lincoln. He had been away on a short business trip to the Philippines.

A beautifully coloured illustration of a B.I. steamer, with the words: "British India Line. Ship by B.I. Travel by B.I." appears on a glass paper weight sent to us through the local agents.

A visitor to Hong Kong to-day is Mr. Robert Ralston, a prominent Real Estate dealer at Miami Beach, Florida. He is accompanied by Mrs. Ralston. They are on a pleasure tour of the Orient.

Major Rowlette, residing at the Peak Hotel, has reported to the Police that between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, he either lost or had stolen a spare wheel and tyre, valued at \$60, from his car, which was parked outside the hotel.

Reported to be missing from 13 Tai Pak Terrace, Kennedy Town, the body of a married woman, identified as Ms. Chau-nan, aged about 25 years, was found washed up on the foreshore at Kennedy Town yesterday. It is believed that she committed suicide.

A talking picture, which has been booked for a run at the King's Theatre shortly, and which promises to be first class entertainment, is "The Lawyer's Secret", a gripping romance. It features Clive Brook, Charles Rogers, Richard Arlen, Fay Wray and Jean Arthur. This is the first time since "Wings" was filmed that Rogers and Arlen are together again.

A murder in Macao on Chinese New Year's day (February 17) this year, was recalled in the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Schofield, when extradition proceedings were commenced against a fugitive, Chan Yee-wo, who is wanted by the Macao authorities for the alleged murder of Chan Lan-sang. After Inspector Fallon had given evidence that the case was adjourned until Thursday afternoon.

The master of the Sam Kwong Paper shop at 48 Queen's Road West, has reported to the Police that a salesman collected \$355 on July 4, from various shops, and has since absconded, it is alleged.

After 18 years' service with the U. S. Asiatic Fleet, Lieut. A. C. Leonard is returning to the States aboard the s.s. President Lincoln. He is accompanied by Mrs. Leonard and son.

Mrs. Moelich, who is passing through Hong Kong on board the s.s. President Lincoln, is the wife of the representative of the Wrigley Chewing Gum Company in the Philippines. She is en route to the States.

Mr. J. A. Fraser, as Coroner, conducted an enquiry at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon regarding the death of a man, Wan Ho (46), who was run over by a truck. He sustained injuries to his chest from which he succumbed on July 30. The Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death," adding a rider that all trucks of the description and weight mentioned during the enquiry should have brakes.

HOPE FOR NURSING HOME VICTIMS.

Anaesthetic Induces 3 Days' Forgetfulness.

A London authority has been describing how the new German anaesthetic, avertin, is used.

"Its principal virtue," he said, "is the gentleness with which it prepares a patient for an operation, and the slow and thorough way in which it allows him to recover afterwards."

"In many cases it is not until after two days that a patient realises he has undergone an operation."

"The patient is weighed, and the dose is made up strictly in accordance with the weight. Half an hour before the time of the operation, the drug is administered and the patient gradually falls asleep."

"The operation is then performed—but the patient sleeps on blissfully for at least another twelve hours."

"He awakens slowly, and it takes two, or perhaps three, days for him to become really wide-awake."

Like A Child.

"During the important period after the operation when his progress might otherwise be seriously retarded by the thoughts of what has been happening to him he is sleeping like a child."

The anaesthetic has been the subject of intensive research and experiment in the laboratories of Germany for the past few years, and one prominent London hospital has been using it for six months.

Avertin's existence was made known to the general public recently when at a Reading Inquest it was revealed that the drug had been used in a case of tetanus for the first time in this country.

"It is a wonderful anaesthetic for nervous people," said a well-known London specialist recently.

"Those who have had operations performed upon them with avertin as the medium are going about extolling it for all they are worth."

Only anaesthetists who have made a thorough study of the drug are at present allowed to use it.

SPENT 40 YEARS IN PRISON.

Robert Wilson (70), of Liverpool, was at the Preston Sessions few weeks ago sentenced to two years' hard labour for ten cases of false pretences in the Liverpool and Ormskirk areas committed during eight weeks after leaving prison in April. He had 85 previous convictions, and had spent 40 of the last 50 years in prison. His general method was to represent himself as a foreman on some public work, get lodgings, and next morning borrow money and disappear.

ROMANCE IS NOT DEAD.

Enchanting Music on Heart Strings.

ALL ACHE AND LONG.

What do we mean by Romance anyway? In spite of what the crudity would have us believe, Romance is simply the enchanting music produced on our heartstrings by the cunning hand of nature. The world in its gadding way has inextricably interwoven the sexes into the fabric of Romance—but there is a mystic Romance in the myriad noises of civilized life—in the whirr of machinery—yea, even in the shrill call of the evening paper urchin, writes T. C. M. in the "Statesman."

We are not all philosophers enough to see Romance in the opening of a flower, or in the twitter of sparrows at nesting-time, but our hearts throb in unison with the occupants of a coupe reserved for a honeymoon trip. That is as it should be according to all accepted standards, for our ideas of Romance ever point to that sublime consummation; we all ache and long for that kind of Romance.

There are those in whom the "grab" instinct is highly developed, who let not a single opportunity escape them of preaching a funeral oration on the "Dead Age of Chivalry." "Romance is dead," they wail, "and her throne is filled by the dollar."—This may-be-so in many instances, but to the vast majority the call of Romance comes at most unexpected moments, and the response is instantaneous because it is inherent. And the more highly developed we become, the greater the strain put upon our sensibilities, the more will we be susceptible to Romance—to that mysterious happiness which is so elusive in its charm, yet so positive and soul-satisfying.

Modern conditions, and particularly the unaccountable rush, that paralyse calmer natures, rather accentuate Romance when it does drift our way. We are delightfully surprised; it presents such a sharp contrast to our everyday routine; so entirely different from the bills, and cheques, and quotations, that form our mental menu from sunrise to sunset. Think too, of the Romance that thrills us and quickens our heart beats, when we have helped lift the burden of some less fortunate voyager on life's stormy billows.

Let the grouser grouse in his insatiable self-interest; let him growl his way into the grave, for who can open his eyes to the green of Spring, or to the delicate tints of a rose-bud? Who can tell him of the music of a child's prattle or of the exquisite harmonies in the rushing waters of a mountain torrent? Will he ever see, think you, that the rainbow is aught other than a scientific phenomenon, or that the dog was meant for any other purpose than to keep house for him and to win prizes at a dog show? Let him, I say, ring his own knell, but let us be grateful that our calmer natures respond to the many voices around us that whisper—incessantly whisper—of a happiness which though it means nothing in coin of the realm, is yet priceless.

Let us sing a poem of thanks-giving that Romance still lives wherever human hearts beat, for man is but a creature of Romance—one glorious triumphant Romance.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of August 18, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/0¢.

This month's Criminal Sessions did not last more than fifteen minutes this morning. There was only one case and a plea of "guilty" was entered. A Chinese was placed in the dock before Mr. J. R. Wood sitting as a Criminal Court Judge, in the Summary Court, charged with having helped a man on the evening of August 5 to rob Miss Julia Ahwee, while she was riding in a riksha in Kowloon. Sentence of five years' hard labour and ten strokes of the cat was imposed.

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Why They Are Never Dry.

MODERN EXAMPLES.

In agricultural England two men hold a secret which is said to have been handed down from one generation to another from primitive times. The secret relates to the exact method of construction of Dew Ponds which remain full of water while large ponds in valleys dry up.

Their name is Smith, they live near Basingstoke, and have made these ponds in almost every county in England and Wales.

This is how they do it:—They dig out soil to a depth of 5 ft. in the centre, sloping upwards to the edges where it becomes level with the ground and is then banked up 18 inches. The pond is lined with straw. The straw is covered with clay and the clay covered with lime, but the lime is on no account allowed to mix with the clay.

A special substance is mixed with the lime, and it is in the constitution of this substance that the secret of the brothers' lies.

Plain earth is laid over the lime, and hammered down with wooden rams to make the bed of the pond. That completes the job, and it only remains to wait for the pond to fill from rain. After that, the less rain the more easily the pond remains filled and stock may be watered from it when other sources have dried up.

Science Fails to Explain.

There is a scientific explanation, of course, and that is that the layer of dry straw insulates the earth below, and prevents heat passing from it to the water in the pond.

The water thus remains cold and causes the moisture-laden night air to part with its water—hence the term Dew Pond. The heat of the day also causes evaporation, which lowers the temperature and further facilitates condensation.

The brothers have not been able to keep their secret, in its entirety to themselves, save for the composition of the special mixture which they make themselves.

Ancient Origin.

An important fact about these ponds is that since they are invariably located on high land and on hill tops they are evidently not filled by any system of drainage and soakage. That is indeed their origin, which goes back into the dim past when primeval ancestors never felt safe from attack unless their camp or fort was located on a hill top and their water supply assured. They assured it by means of Dew Ponds.

What particular value adheres to the special mixture of the Smith Brothers which they mix with the lime is not apparent, but the fact remains that their ponds are very effective, and they have even been invited to go abroad and make ponds in California and elsewhere, but they say they have all the orders they need in England.

Bound by Oath.

They have taken an oath of secrecy handed down through their family for many generations, and they say they cannot leave their secret to the nation because of that oath.

"TOO RIGHT."

It's So Expressive.

HUMAN SPEECH.

Adelaide, June 27. "Sydney appears to be the main offender with nasalization, because of its many American visitors," said the Rev. G. E. Hale, Unitarian minister and elocution authority, to-day.

Miss Alice Smith, lecturer in voice production at the Melbourne Teachers' Training College, is leading a campaign for clearer and better speech, and has a special judge against "good-oh" and "right-oh."

Mr. Hale, who was taken to task for saying "too right," argued that it was more suitable than "most certainly." He said there was a danger of language purists becoming too highbrow. "Speech was very human."

The new You Poong Flour Mill at 25, Mokashan Road, Shanghai, is described as China's largest and most modern mill. It was installed by Messrs. Henry Simon & Co., of Stockport, England. It is now a 4000 barrel-a-day mill and was augmented to this figure in June last.

Rivals any Romance in Fiction.

GOLCONDA OF WEALTH.

The story of the digging of new vaults for the Bank of France, in which to safeguard more than one-half of its total gold reserve, is said to rival any romance in fiction.

The approach to the vaults, we are told, is guarded by such monsters of steel and concrete in the shape of doors and revolving walls, shafts and elevators, passages cut through solid rock and lined with chrome steel plates two feet thick, that one is struck with awe in approaching this Golconda of wealth beyond human imagination.

German Big Bertha shells and bombs from Zeppelins and Gothas, relates Harold G. Cardozo in the Continental Edition of the London Daily Mail, caused the governors of the bank to consider seriously, after peace was signed, the devising of a huge, underground vault.

Door Weighing 14 Tons.

"But no—there is a way of getting past this barrier if the secret pass-words are known, far more complicated than Aladdin's 'Open Sesame.'

"This blank wall is part of the surface of a huge cylinder of concrete-faced with steel eighteen feet in diameter.

"In the passage wall another steel door bars access to an electric motor which, if everything is normal and the right keys are produced, revolves the massive cylinder on its pivot in a quarter-circle, disclosing a steel and concrete armour plate in the form of a gigantic rectangular 'cork' as the bank officials call it.

"Let Us Learn."

"I was shown four books in particular which serve as beginners' literature, two for townsmen and two for peasants. The town book is called 'Let Us Learn,' the peasants book 'The Red Ploughman: A Country Alphabet for Adults.' Each contains little stories about workers in the old life and the new women and their position, children in nursery schools, how workers live, what they produce, and so on. Many are very moral little tales. There are lessons against the evils of drink, like Mrs. Henry Wood; against excess of eating, smoking; against slackness in work, and so on. Some of the stories are humorous.

"I have laid my hand on thousand of those oblong yellow bricks which are French or American ingots and on the sloping truncated blocks which are made of British gold."

"In the bright light of the enormous underground vaults of the Bank of France, the rows and rows of ingots piled one on another in great steel cupboards shone dully behind the simple screen of woven wire, with tiny cardboard tickets bearing merely a handwritten date and figure.

Hoard of £216,000,000.

"There was just 27 milliards of francs in gold (about £216,000,000), or more than half of the total reserve. The rest is kept in other vaults, not only in Paris but throughout France."

For three years, shifts of workmen have been busy night and day hewing out of the rock beneath the bank a vast underground chamber measuring 10,000 square metres in area, or in other words, a square about two and one-half acres in extent.

Above the rocky roof of this chamber are at least thirty-six feet of rock and water, representing a weight of thousands of tons. To this must be added the weight of the new bank building.

"As the vault was excavated, the roof was kept up by huge cylindrical concrete pillars, and when the whole space was hewn out there were 750 of these pillars.

"The walls were built of fifteen feet of reinforced concrete, with a watertight layer of a patent asphalt preparation in the middle to prevent the outside water percolating. And, thus, the largest safety vaults in the world were brought into being."

"The approach to these vaults is curious in the extreme, as regards the defences which have been imagined, not against any puny safe-breaker with their oxy-hydrogen blowpipes, but against the organized forces of an enemy army or of a fresh Commune in Paris."

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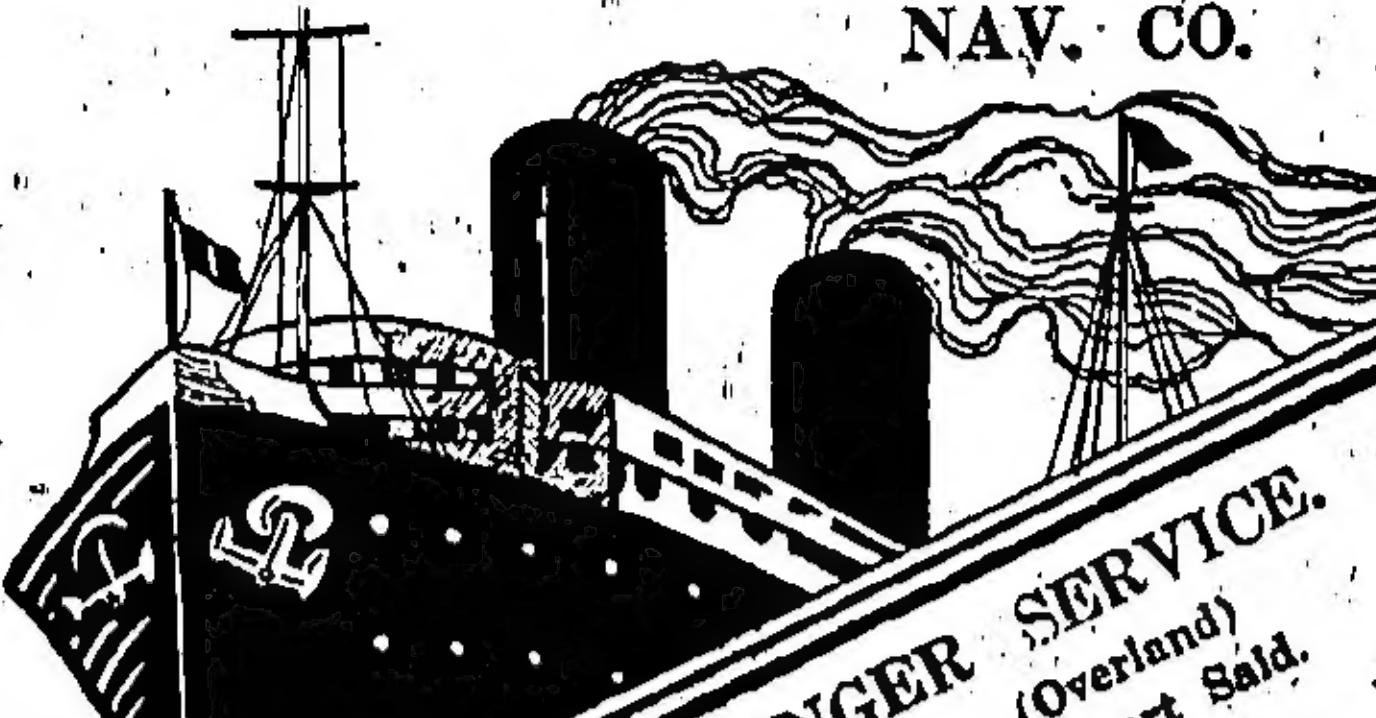
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WATER LEVELS.

Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:

	Aug. 15	Aug. 16
West River at Shuihung	22.2	—
North River at Samsuih	9.0	—
North River at Tsingyuen	13.0	13.5
East River at Shuklung	4.5	4.8
The highest levels recorded are:—Shuihung, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samsuih, 27.3 feet; Shuklung, 11.5 feet.		
The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samsuih and minus 2.7 feet at Shuklung.		

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Friday, August 14.
Akita Maru, Japanese str., 2,815 tons, Captain K. Irobe, from Sakito, Stoccutters Anchorage—N.Y.K.
Hongkong, British str., 2,525 tons, Captain H. G. Hay, from Swatow, Stoccutters Anchorage. —Ho Thong & Co.
Seisan, British str., 1,571 tons, Captain Alex. C. Inglis, from Holloway, buoy No. A14—Jebshun S.S. Co.

Saturday, August 15.
Carnarvonshire, British str., 5,955 tons, Captain H. S. Gulston, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf. —J. M. & Co.

Chichibu Maru, Japanese str., 10,286 tons, Captain Y. Arakida, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Protasius, British str., 6,118 tons, Captain G. G. Rundle, from Shanghai, buoy No. A4—B. & S.

Golden Star, American str., 4,017 tons, Captain O. Lee, from Lamit Bay, buoy No. A8—States S.S. Co.

Sunday, August 16.
Carrarvonshire, British str., 5,955 tons, Captain H. S. Gulston, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf. —J. M. & Co.

Chichibu Maru, Japanese str., 10,286 tons, Captain Y. Arakida, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Talyo Maru, Japanese str., 8,525 tons, Captain Y. Tomioka, from Manila, P.I. N.Y.K. Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Argus—French gunboat.
Wing Lee, British str., 730 tons, Captain J. E. Harvey, from K. C. Wan, Salkong Wharf.—W. Hop & Co.

Regulus—French sloop.
Smith Thompson—American gunboat.

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ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MANTUA	11,000	11th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	8,000	11th Sept.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
BURDWAN	6,500	12th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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The U. S. Frigate "Constitution" is once more in commission. Described as one of the "Old Ironsides," she turned her prow on July 1 to the seas in which she stamped her name in history.

"Stand by to cast off fore and aft!" The Constitution is ready to shove off once more.

With all the pomp and circumstance befitting so grand a relic of the nation's claim to freedom on the seas, the rebuilt frigate was officially placed in commission today (July 1), wrote Harlan Trotter in the Christian Science Monitor.

"Admiral Andrew's Frigates fluttered from lofty mastheads. Beneath them flew the broad pennants of men in high command. Great guns crashed out salvos of salutes to the gallant man-of-war, and the ranking officers of Navy and State assembled at the Boston Navy Yard for the commissioning ceremonies.

On board the Constitution a century seemed to have fallen from the calendar. The old-style, full-dress uniform frock coats of the officers stood out in neat rows along the spar deck of the frigate. Gilt-trimmings shimmered and gleamed on cocked hats and epaulettes.

Occasionally a sword rattled in its scabbard somewhere along the files as Rear Admiral Louis M. Nulton, commanding of the First Naval District, read the official orders from the Navy Department placing the ship in commission.

Navy Read.

Then Commander Louis J. Gulliver read the Navy orders which made him Captain of the Constitution—the successor to Isaac Hull, Charles Stewart and Edward Preble in a long line of distinguished commodores.

After the reading of the orders, flags were broken out from the rigging and the name of the early defender of the nation at sea was written into the roster of the Navy's fighting fleet once more. Guns roared from nearby ships—17 for Joseph E. Ely, Governor of the Commonwealth; 15 guns for Ernest Lee Johncke, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and 13 for a rear admiral as the Commandant went over the Constitution's gun-studded side to the thrill accompaniment of a boatswain's pipe.

To-morrow is sailing day. But instead of setting out under sail, the frigate will go to Portsmouth, N.H., the first port of call, in tow of the naval tender Grebe. Can the navy find a crew to sail the old ship?

This is the question that has been parried all along the line from the officers' wardrooms to the birth decks of the apprentice seamen; from the Navy Department in Washington to the editorial pages of the small-town weekly.

Lieut. John A. Lord, the man who rebuilt the old frigate, says there are no sailors left to man her—no sailors of the marlinspike school

who wore callouses on the backs of their knuckles from hauling an acre of canvas over a bucking yard when a ship was being "reefed down" in a gale. Sailors from outside the navy have been mentioned as a possible crew, together with the possibility of training a crew drawn from the navy's enlisted ranks.

Rear Admiral Philip Andrews, U.S.N., retired, holds a different point of view. Admiral Andrews was the man who "played" an important part in directing the campaign for public donations with which to rebuild the frigate.

The admiral has had a long and distinguished career in the naval service of his country. He bears official decorations for valiant service in the war zone during 1917 from the United States and other nations. His experience is grounded in the early midshipman training in square-rigged men-of-war such as the Constitution.

Admiral Andrew's View.

Says Admiral Andrews: "Folks said there were none who could rebuild her, but the men from the New England coast proved them wrong. Now we hear that there are none who can sail her. The Navy doesn't harbour any such fears." These statements were voiced when the discussion first arose as to whether there was a sufficient number of horny-fisted seadogs of the "old school" left in the Navy to shake out her huge sails—sheet them home—and haul out the spar deck of the frigate.

Admiral Andrew's View.

Three years later, Lieutenant Lord entered the naval construction corps as an assistant ship draftsman. He soon showed his ability as a designer in drawing up all the specifications for the United States training vessel Boxer, a brig, built at Portsmouth. In 1905, Lieutenant Lord was appointed master builder of the super-dreadnaughts, New York and Arizona. During the World War he built 11 destroyers and six submarine chasers.

From a staff of naval construction experts, ranging in grades from admirals down, Lieutenant

Lord was appointed for the work of restoring the Constitution to its old-time splendour. For two years the erstwhile builder of wooden ships occupied himself with the task of obtaining an accurate set of lines from the vessel as well as with the designing of docking plans, and a cradle upon which the disintegrated hull was to rest during the four-year period of restoration.

To Get Working Plans.

In order to gather a complete set of working plans of the ship, Lieutenant Lord was frequently obliged to crawl into the lower part of the ship, squeezing into narrow, low-studded parts of the decaying hull, taking off actual measurements of parts to be restored.

From early morning until late at night, year in and year out, the noted builder has been on the job pouring over plans in the special office at the navy yard or supervising the work on board the ship.

As soon as work was ready to start on the Constitution in 1927, Lieutenant Lord sent down to Bath for a staff of shipwrights whose

ability to wield the adz and maul made them especially fitted for the exacting work. With them came several pieces of machinery which could only be found in the port that was famous the world over as the home of the wooden shipbuilding craft. One of these machines was a lathe for turning out wooden pins for fastening planks to frames. These pins are technically known as treenails. The downcasters, however, call them "trunnels."

That Lieutenant Lord is an expert rigger as well as a builder of ships is evidenced in the cloud-reaching maze of shrouds and spars which will fit naturally into the sleepy waterfront picture which is Bath to-day.

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When the era of wooden ships went into the decline, Bath turned to laying the keels of great battleships. Eventually that business had its day and many of Bath's shipyards were only a tradition. The biggest and best yard turned to manufacturing tin pie plates. Bath will surely give the Constitution a rousing welcome. The lofty spars of the nation's early defender

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CHILD OF ONLY FIVE KIDNAPPED.

Well Fed and Treated to the Pictures.

AN AMATEUR DETECTIVE.

Before the Puisne Judge at the Assizes to-day, a Chinese man, named Wong Ping, and an aged woman, named Wong Kam, were charged with stealing a child of five years of age.

Both accused, who were not legally represented, denied stealing the child. The male accused said that another man, named Lee Yiu, gave the child to him and he led it away.

His Lordship: Did you know that the child was stolen? — No. The second accused also admitted leading the child away but added that she did not know anything else.

His Lordship recorded pleas of "not guilty" in both cases, and the following jury was called: Messrs. A. S. Abbott (Foreman), A. Zimmern, C. Jackson, Chan Yat-fung, L. A. Rozario, R. G. Craig, and J. A. Lau.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, who prosecuted, said that after leaving his father's stall the boy met the two prisoners and was taken away by them. At about 4 p.m. he was seen in the company of the two accused in Lockhart Road, Wanchai. The man who saw them in Wanchai was a car cleaner. He became suspicious of the accused's movements, acted as an amateur detective and kept them under observation for a week.

Two Men Watched.

This amateur detective would say that there was another man with the accused. The two men were standing a little apart and making signs to the accused woman. The boy was given food at a bean curd stall. The amateur detective hung about and kept the parties under observation for about an hour. Then the two men walked away and the woman and child went a little later.

Taken to the Pictures.

At about 6 or 7 p.m., the amateur detective followed the parties to the Grand Theatre, Queen's Road East, and there he saw the first accused buy a ticket and give it to the woman who took the boy inside with her. Having seen the two men go off in bus, and knowing that the woman and boy would be in the theatre for some time, the amateur detective went to a friend of his, who was a professional detective and a member of the Police force, and communicated his suspicion to him.

Woman and Boy Shadowed.

They went to the theatre together. The amateur detective bought a ticket and went inside. He sat behind the woman and boy, whilst the professional detective stayed outside.

Fortunate for Accused.

In sentencing the male accused to four years' hard labour, his Lordship said that there was no direct evidence that he had actually decoyed the boy. That was fortunate for him, because, if there had been such evidence, he would have given him the "cat" in addition to the jail term.

My Grandson.

The woman and the boy went in front and the male accused followed. In Spring Garden Lane the

12 ALLEGED REDS UNDER ARREST.

Teng Yen-ta Included in Bunch.

WORKED WITH BORODIN.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Shanghai Military Concession Police, yesterday afternoon, arrested 12 alleged Communists, including Teng Yen-ta, a prominent member of the Wu Han Communist Government, who worked in 1927 under Borodin. — Reuter.

NEW FROM COUNTRY

Alleged Intention to Rob.

CHINESE ON TRIAL.

At noon to-day the Puisne Judge and the jury empanelled for the Kidnapping Case reported separately proceeded with the hearing of the case against a man named Wong Ho, who was charged on two counts as under:

(1) Assault by two or more with intent to rob.

Statement of offence: That the accused, with another not in custody, and unknown to the Crown, did, on July 6, 1931, assault Pun Wo with intent to rob him.

(2) Being at night in a building with intent.

Statement of offence: That the accused, on the night of July 5 and 6, was found in the house known as No. 27, North Street, third floor, with intent to steal the property of Pun Wo.

The accused's reply to the charges was: "I am new from the country. I did not go in. A fellow countryman of mine went." The case is proceeding.

male accused caught them up and took the boy's other hand. Then the amateur detective gave a signal to his friend, and they approached the accused and asked them where they had got the boy. The male accused replied that he was the old woman's grandson, and the female accused said that was so.

The Police detective was not satisfied with that answer, so took three to the Police Station.

Evidence was taken corroborating Mr. Whyte-Smith's opening statement, after which the accused made statements similar to those made at the time they were charged.

Jury Addressed.

His Lordship, in his address to the jury, told them that even if they had doubt that the accused had actually taken the boy away, they could still fall back on the word "defrauded" which occurred in the indictment against them.

Without retiring, the jury returned verdicts of "guilty" against both accused.

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To the woman, his Lordship said, that in view of her age, he would send her to a lesser term of two years hard labour.

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES.

Features of the Bible Conference.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

August 17. The fine weather which had prevailed for the first part of last week deserted us on Thursday and the numbers attending the Bible Conference were slightly diminished. There was also a change in the programme. The Rev. G. Morrison took the address on Thursday. On Friday the hour was given up to the relating of outstanding incidents in the experience of some of the missionaries during the past year.

Miss F. G. Meeker told of how the way was opened up for some industrial work for the girls of the "Door of Hope" rescue mission and how special funds were sent in for the building of a compound wall.

Mr. Spence spoke of successful meetings held in Kennedy Town.

During the week special selections were rendered by House 27 quartette. Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Hensley sang a duet at another meeting, and Mrs. Kuhne a solo at the concluding meeting. All these items were ably rendered and added considerably to the interest of the meetings.

On Saturday, in spite of threatening weather, the annual sports for the children spending their vacation on the Island were held on the bathing beach (swimming events were out of the question as breakers were coming in with considerable force). Mr. Becking, ably assisted by Mr. Doyal and other members of the Sports Committee, superintended the sports. The following were the prize winners:

Boys under 6:—1, M. W. Rankin, jun.; 2, Denis Bray; 3, Bobby Williamson.

Girls under 6:—1, Sybil Rousseau; 2, Barbara Bray; 3, Carolyn Ady.

Boys 6 and 7:—1, Daniel Ray; 2, Donald Becking; 3, Jimmy Cocks. Girls 6 and 7:—1, Jean Spence; 2, Evelyn Rousseau; 3, Esther Burt.

Boys 8 to 10:—1, Tommy Suiter; 2, Helmut Sauer; 3, Gaylor Kelley. Girls 8 to 10:—1, Ruth Mitchell; 2, Page Rankin; 3, Evelyn Morrison.

Boys 11 to 13:—1, George Kelley; 2, Paul Kelley; 3, Charles Morrison.

Girls 11 up:—1, Elizabeth Rousseau; 2, Katherine Burt; 3, Mable Hensley.

Jumping:

Boys 6 and 7:—1, Jimmy Cocks; 2, Warren Kelley; 3, Donald Becking.

Boys 8 to 10:—1, Helmut Sauer; 2, Tommy Suiter; 3, Gaylor Kelley.

Boys 11 to 13:—1, George Kelley; 2, Paul Kelley; 3, Robert Cocks.

The swimming events were postponed to Saturday next.

Although the typhoon was of a mild character, it prevented the launch from running until Monday evening and considerably lessened the attendance at the afternoon service when the Rev. W. W. Clayton, of the L.M.S., preached a thoughtful and inspiring sermon on "Knowing Christ."

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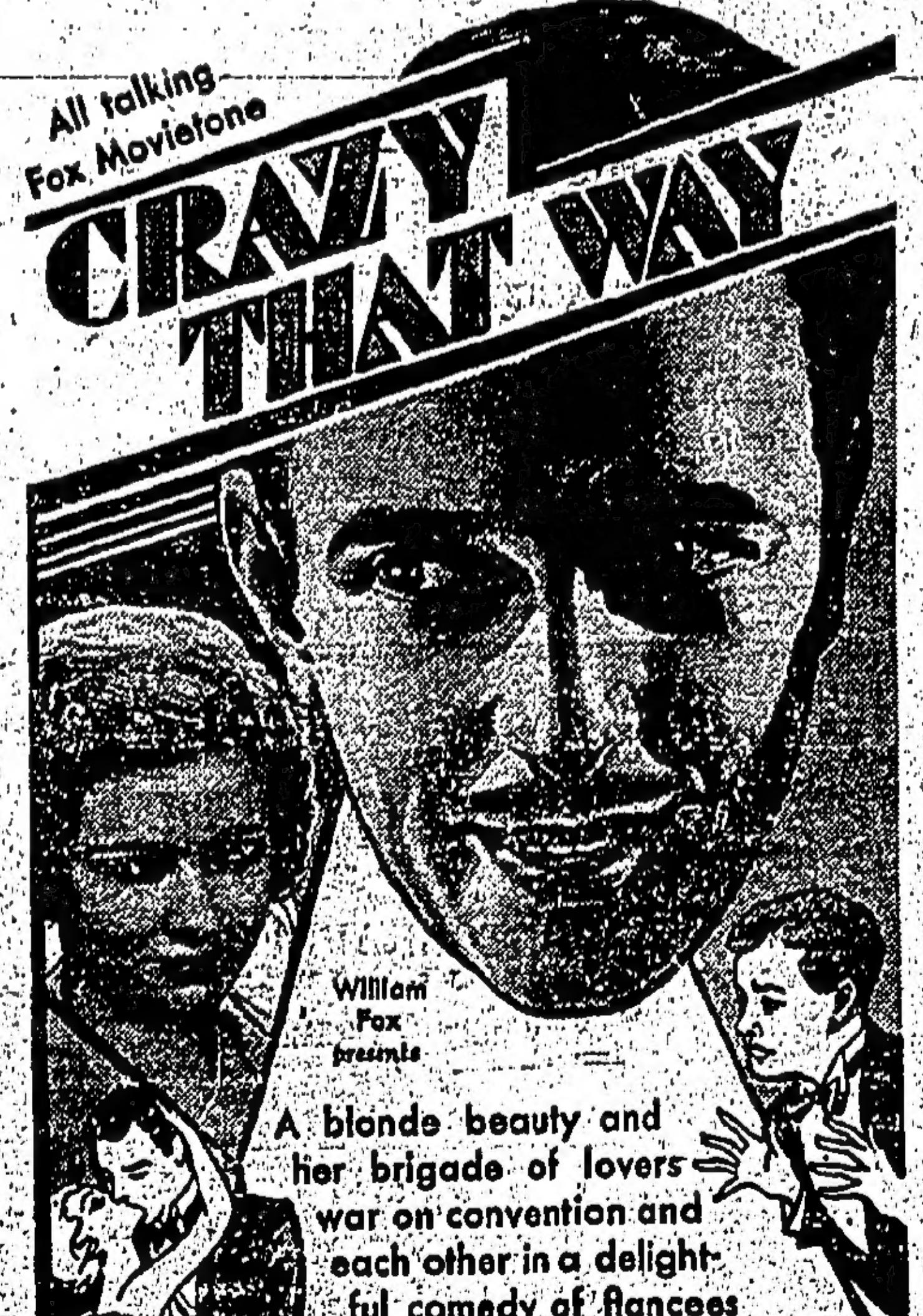
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